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APRIL MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday evening, 12th inst., at eight o'clock, in the Assembly Hall of the Public Library, corner of McAllister and Larkin Streets. Take elevator to third floor. Car lines No. 5 or No. 19.

Major Allan Brooks, of Okanagan Landing, B. C., will require no introduction to our members as an artist who can imprison a living bird on canvas for our delight, without hurting the bird, and his work in the field has brought him into long and intimate contact with his subjects. He has kindly consented to tell us how his work is accomplished and of his related experiences. Visitors will be welcome.

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APRIL FIELD TRIP will be taken on Sunday, 15th inst., to Hayward Canyon and vicinity, a very interesting district not visited by the Association for three years.

San Francisco members will take 8:40 a. m. Southern Pacific boat, transferring to Melrose car at Oakland mole. Leave train at Melrose station at 9:25 a. m. and take the next Traction car southbound, carrying a HAYWARDS sign and ride to the end of the line, where party will form upon the arrival of this car about 10:15 o'clock.

East Bay members should take HAYWARDS car leaving 12th and Washington or 13th and Washington Streets, Oakland, not later than 9:15 a. m. Bring lunch and canteens.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH MEETING: The seventy-fourth regular meeting of the Association was held on March 8th, in the Assembly Hall of the San Francisco Public Library, with President Kibbe in the chair; twelve members and eight guests in attendance.

The feature of the evening consisted of an account by Mrs. G. Earle Kelly of numerous trips taken at various seasons in Tulare County, around Lindsay, Porterville, Tule Indian Reservation and thence into and around Sequoia National Park.

Starting at Lindsay, some sixty miles south of Fresno, among the citrus groves, in the month of October, several years ago, there were found only nineteen species and a pheasant; quail, mourning doves, linnets, green-backed and Lawrence goldfinches. The only new species was the mockingbird, of which numbers were singing night and day. On a second visit during the May following, the list was again small, including many orioles and mockingbirds, with western kingbirds on every fence post.

Porterville, twelve miles south of Lindsay, was visited in the following February. Here, the foothills were rocky and studded with live oaks, and an irrigated park furnished attractive habitat. The birds were more numer-

ous; rock and canyon wrens, rufous-crowned sparrows, red-tailed hawk, buzzard and burrowing owls, with towhees, probably Anthony. The cedar waxwings are found here from December to June, and feed on the berries of the umbrella trees. In September, robins are plentiful. In April, the waxwings are feeding on the seed of the elms. In May, they enjoy the mulberries with the grosbeaks and the mockingbirds. The robins are in full song. Lark sparrows and goldfinches abound. December brings bluebirds and toward the end of the month, the waxwings are enjoying the mistletoe berries in the cottonwood trees.

The lecturer referred to the changes which have been wrought in the San Joaquin Valley by irrigation. Formerly great stretches of grain fields, with their accompanying varieties of birds, now covered with orchards inhabited by entirely different populations.

One June, a reservoir some twenty miles out of Porterville furnished accommodations for many yellow-headed blackbirds, while another not far away was monopolized by redwings, without any mixing of species at either place.

May is the ideal time for visiting the Tule Indian Reservation, and here some forty-three species were found. Every oak tree sheltered the nest of a gnatcatcher. Phainopeplas were another notable feature, with tanagers, wrens, warbling vireos and lazuli buntings.

Between Exeter and Lemon Cove lies Wood Lake, an irrigation reservoir, with its marsh lands. This was first visited in May, after leaving the Reservation, and the large bird population included yellow-headed and tricolored blackbirds, stilts, ibis, cinnamon teal, Wilson snipe, Farallon cormorants nesting in dead trees, phalaropes, coots, grebes and blue and black night herons. In the February following, few birds were encountered here, one lone white pelican and phainopeplas. In September, ducks, sandpipers, Anthony green herons and stilts.

Two hours from Porterville by stage which meets trains, Nelson lies in a beautiful country at 4400-ft. elevation. This was visited at the height of the season in June. Birds were singing all day on every hand, forty-two species being noted during the three-day stop; white-headed woodpeckers, gnatcatchers, tanagers, lazuli buntings, warbling vireos and robins in full song. Grosbeaks abounded.

Two weeks were spent in Sequoia National Park, in the middle of August (5th to 19th). Golden-crowned kinglets fed low in the bushes and creepers were everywhere. Mrs. Kelly told of sitting on a stump watching the birds, when all at once she felt something on her skirt; the sensation traveled upward and finally reached her hair, when she ascertained that it was caused by a creeper which had been conducting its customary investigations. In a patch of aspens were Calaveras warblers by the dozen, white-headed and Cabanis woodpeckers and blue-fronted jays. In the hedges, robins fed on bitter berries.

Out of the woods, on the dry slopes were gnatcatchers, spurred towhees and wren-tits at an elevation of 5000 feet. In the woods were found three pairs of northern pileated woodpeckers, very tame and readily observed.

On Mt. Alta, at 10,000 ft. the leucosticte was met, and bluebirds at 9,000 ft. Lunching at Twin Lake, 9,000 ft., some walnuts created a need for a nutcracker, and to everyone's delight a Clarke crow was discovered close by. On the Kaweah, ouzels were observed and near Marble Falls a golden eagle soared overhead. The meadows, as ever, attracted many birds, hummers, warblers, bluebirds.

After August 15th, the birds seemed to be preparing for migration; mountain bluebirds, Cassin finches and tanagers. The green-tailed towhee greets you as soon as you come out of the forest. The pigmy owl was found at 5,000 ft.

From Mrs. Kelly's fascinating description, it would seem that within the cycle of the year the favored area covered herein contains a very large proportion of the various species known in the Bay Region and a considerable number of those which never reach here. A brisk interrogation gave evidence of the great interest aroused in the minds of those present.

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Following the meeting, the Board of Directors assembled, and, after transacting routine business, elected Miss Susan T. Mackay, of Berkeley, to membership.

Died, March, 1923, THOMAS JENNINGS, Member of the Association

BIRDS NOTED ABOUT LAKE LEONARD

Twenty miles northwest of Ukiah, Mendocino County, Calif.
Elevation, 2800 feet.

Horned Grebe
Pied-billed Grebe
Pacific Loon
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Shoveller
Wood Duck
Scaup
Ring-necked Duck
White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose
Great Blue Heron
Anthony Green Heron
Coot
Northern Phalarope
Western Sandpiper
Killdeer
Mountain Quail
California Quail
Dusky Grouse
Band-tailed Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Turkey Vulture
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Ferrug. Rough-legged Hawk
Golden Eagle
Sparrow Hawk
Osprey
Long-eared Owl
Spotted Owl
Screech Owl
Dusky Horned Owl
Saw-whet Owl
Pygmy Owl
Road-Runner
Belted Kingfisher
Harris Woodpecker
Gairdner Woodpecker
Nuttall Woodpecker
Red-breasted Sapsucker
Pileated Woodpecker
California Woodpecker
Lewis Woodpecker
Red-shafted Flicker
California Poor Will
Vaux Swift
Anna Hummer
Allen Hummer
Western Kingbird
Ashy-throated Flycatcher
Black Phoebe
Western Flycatcher
Western Wood Pewee
Coast Jay
California Jay
American Raven
Bi-colored Redwing
Tri-colored Redwing
Meadowlark
Bullock Oriole
Brewer Blackbird
Western Evening Grosbeak
California Purple Finch
Cassin Finch
Linnet
Green-backed Goldfinch
Pine Siskin
Savannah Sparrow
Western Lark Sparrow
Intermediate Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow
Junco
Song Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
San Francisco Towhee
California Towhee
Black-headed Grosbeak
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting
Western Tanager
Western Martin
Violet-Green Swallow
Bohemian Waxwing
Cedar Waxwing
Warbling Vireo
Cassin Vireo
Hutton Vireo
Lutescent Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Audubon Warbler
Black-throated Gray W.
Townsend Warbler
Hermit Warbler
Pacific Yellow-throat
Long-tailed Chat
Pileolated Warbler
Pipit
Ouzel
California Thrasher
Vigors Wren
Tawny Creeper
Slender-billed Nuthatch
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Plain Titmouse
Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Coast Bush-tit
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Western Gnatcatcher
Russet-backed Thrush
Hermit Thrush, nesting
Hermit Thrush (winter)
Varied Thrush
Western Robin
Western Bluebird

UNA BOYLE.

MARCH FIELD TRIP was taken on Sunday, the 11th, to the lake country back of Fairfax, over the Bolinas road to the old grade, which was followed to Bon Tempe on Lagunitas Creek, where lunch was eaten as usual. After a stroll to the head of Alpine Lake, the walk continued up the creek to Lake Lagunitas. One section of the party elected to loiter at the dam while another traversed the trail around the lake.

The event of the day was furnished by a Wilson snipe at Bon Tempe, and the list was gratifying in extent and character. After circling the lake, the old Fish Grade was followed past Phoenix Lake to Ross. Strange to say, no birds whatever were seen at the latter lake, not even the reliable black phoebe. The day was particularly fine for walking, albeit a trifle windy and too cool for sitting quietly.

On the Bay were seen: Western and eared grebes, glaucous-winged, Western and California gulls; canvasback, scaup, white-winged and surf scoter; great blue heron and kingfisher. Elsewhere, pied-billed grebe, mallard, Wilson snipe, quail, band-tailed pigeon and mourning dove; turkey vulture, sharp-shinned, red-tailed and sparrow hawks; willow and California woodpeckers, flickers, Anna and Allen hummers and black phoebe; coast and California jays, western crow, meadowlark and Brewer blackbird; linnet, green-backed goldfinch, lark, Nuttall and golden-crowned sparrows; junco, song and fox sparrows; San Francisco and California towhees; northern violet green swallows, Hutton vireo; lutescent and Audubon warblers, pipit, Sierra creeper, plain titmouse, bush and wren-tits; ruby-crowned kinglet, hermit thrush, western robin, varied thrush and western bluebird. A golden-crowned kinglet was heard. Fifty-seven species in all.

The party consisted of Mesdemoiselles Olive Burroughs, Chapin, Fritts, Nienburg, Lindemann; Mesdames Kelly and Kibbe; Messrs. Bourne, Kibbe and Rapp. As guests, Miss Helen Burroughs and Mr. L. A. Elmore. Ten members and two guests.

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